

Gray Herbarium



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Mr. P. A. Munz,
Pomona College,
Claremont, California.

Dear Munz, -

Your two packages of plants arrived this morning, and I have gotten as far as opening them up and starting a study of the Nolina. This species is very clearly a remarkably distinct new species, allied to N. Parryi. It differs in style, shape and lobing of the ovary and in breadth and lack of claw of the perianth segments. Then too there is the difference in habit and range. I am positive that mature fruit would reveal further differences. I wonder whether you could possibly get down to Santa Ana Cañon again and collect mature fruit? Parish, in Erythea, Vol. vii. 90, says that he had flowering and fruit material. It is possible, therefore, that Abrams is describing the plant in his Flora. As he could ante-date us no matter how fast we work, perhaps ~~we~~ might ask him whether he is describing it or not, and if not, whether we could borrow the Parish collection.

Will write you again when I have studied the collection further. Give my regards to all my friends about the Department.

Sincerely yours,

IMJ/FMG